

IN THE CLAIMS

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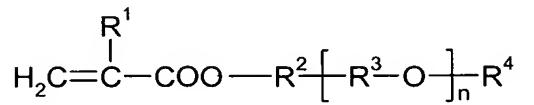
Claim 1: (Currently Amended): The use of A method of using copolymers comprising alkylene oxide units and comprising, in randomly or blockwise copolymerized form,

(a) 50 to 93 mol% of acrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of acrylic acid,

(b) 5 to 30 mol% of methacrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of methacrylic acid

and

(c) 2 to 20 mol% of at least one nonionic monomer of the formula I



in which the variables have the following meanings:

R^1 is hydrogen or methyl;

R^2 is a chemical bond or unbranched or branched $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkylene;

R^3 is identical or different unbranched or branched $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_4$ -alkylene radicals;

R^4 is unbranched or branched $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ -alkyl;

n is 3 to 50,

as deposit-inhibiting additives in the rinse aids for dishwashers.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~method according to claim 1, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 85 mol% of component (a), 10 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 15 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~method according to claim 1~~-or 2~~, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 75 mol% of component (a), 15 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 10 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~method according to claims 1~~-to~~3, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which R¹ is methyl, R² is a chemical bond, R³ is C₂-C₃-alkylene, R⁴ is C₁-C₂-alkyl and n is 5 to 40, in copolymerized form.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~method according to claims 1~~-to~~4, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which R¹ is methyl, R² is a chemical bond, R³ is ethylene, R⁴ is methyl and n is 10 to 30, in copolymerized form.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The ~~use~~method according to claims 1~~-to~~5, wherein the copolymers comprise -SO₃⁻ Na⁺ and/or -SO₄⁻ Na⁺ as end groups.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A rinse aid for dishwashers which comprises copolymers according to claims 1-~~to~~-6 as a deposit-inhibiting additive.